

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE LIBRARY, ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL, ODIHAM ON
MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.40PM**

Present: Cllrs Hale (Chair), David, Faulkner, Fellows, Fleming, Harris, Robinson-Giannasi and Stewart

In attendance: Mrs Weir (Clerk)

Also present: District Cllrs Crookes and Gorys; 28 members of the public

FULL COUNCIL

162/17 RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bell and Worboys.

163/17 RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

None.

164/17 PUBLIC SESSION

The resident who had emailed the council regarding engagement and communication, to be considered under agenda item 171/17 addressed the council (Appendix 1).

A resident read out their email to the council regarding teenage recreation and their concern over a conflict of interests within the amenity committee (Appendix 2).

The chairman advised that he hoped that all members of the amenity committee had an open mind regarding the most suitable location for teenage recreation and that the council would agree on a response to the resident at the next meeting.

A resident addressed the council regarding the amenity committee's surveys on Survey Monkey, offering some helpful tips (Appendix 3).

The chairman responded to the resident, advising that the tips had been noted and asked the resident to confirm if people outside of the parish contributed to the making of the NH Plan. The resident advised that the members of the parish shaped the NH Plan and input from non-residents was removed until the statutory consultation stage.

The chairman advised that the amenity committee could remove surveys completed by people outside of the parish when analysing the results if they chose to if postcodes were given.

165/17 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

Monday 2 October 137/17 - 161/17
The above minutes were approved by the majority vote.

166/17 RECEIVE AND NOTE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

Amenity 4 September	37/17 - 46/17
Community 4 September	41/17 - 48/17
Planning 18 September	74/17 - 88/17
Traffic and Transport 18 September	48/17 - 58/17

The above minutes were received and noted.

167/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman expressed OPC's thanks to Hook and Odiham Lions for their help with the recent Spooktacula.

He also noted the two incidents in the High Street - the theft of the ATM out of the red phone box and the attempted robbery at the Co-op. He suggested that perhaps OPC will need to consider re-visiting CCTV again during a future meeting.

168/17 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk advised that the three surveys are going well. As the closing date is 18 November, the amenity committee should be able to look at the basic results at the next meeting.

The clerk reminded all Cllrs to review their Disclosable Pecuniary Interest forms and to let her know if they need a new form to complete. She understood that forms should be updated within 28 days of changes happening.

Magazines from Open Spaces and CPRE were available for Cllrs to take home to read and return to the office.

169/17 APPROVAL OF THE SIGNING OF SEPTEMBER'S BANK RECONCILIATION BY THE CHAIRMAN

It was resolved to approve the signing of September's bank reconciliation by the chairman (Appendix 4).

170/17 AUTHORISATION OF THE LIST OF PAYMENTS AND APPOINTMENT OF TWO CLLRS TO FINISH THE PAYMENT PROCESS

It was resolved to authorise the list of payments circulated to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 5 P&C). Cllrs Fellows and Hale were appointed to finish the payment process.

171/17 RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL AND AGREEMENT ON ANY REQUIRED RESPONSE:

- **CORRESPONDENCE ON ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION**
- **CORRESPONDENCE ON CLLR FELLOWS' INTERESTS**

A draft proposed response by the clerk to both residents had been circulated to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 6). Cllr Fellows had also circulated his proposed responses for consideration which included his suggestion that Cllrs take responsibility for providing residents with documentation for meetings (Appendix 7).

Whilst considering the response to the first resident, Cllr Fellows queried why more documentation couldn't be published and commented that there is nothing to stop Cllrs from forwarding documents to residents. Cllr Stewart advised that he forwards draft minutes to residents when asked.

The chairman reminded Cllrs that the response should be based on current policies that are reviewed yearly, the agenda item was not to change policies. Any changes would need to be voted on at a future meeting.

It was agreed by the majority vote to send the response circulated by the clerk to the resident.

When considering the second correspondence, Cllr Fellows advised that he does not have a disclosable interest as he doesn't live near enough to the recreation ground for any nuisance/traffic to

affect him. The chairman commented that it is important for people to understand interests and read out part of no 23 from OPC's Code of Conduct; if you have a pecuniary, personal or prejudicial interest in the matter you should not participate in the discussion, vote or remain in the room. Cllr Fellows confirmed that he believed that he didn't have an interest in the agenda item.

Cllr Faulkner had prepared his thoughts which he suggested were included with the proposed response from the clerk which he read out (Appendix 8). It included the suggestion of an apology for Cllr Fellows' use of social media; - representing himself as a voice of the council which mislead people and his attempt to limit the comments posted by members of the public (the chairman called Cllr Faulkner to a point of order) which included the use of personal messages in an attempt to censor comments.

Due to the best efforts by the chairman to prevent members of the public from obstructing the transaction of business at the meeting and the suggestion from Cllr David to suspend the meeting, the chairman proposed that the council had no choice but to close the meeting.

It was agreed by the majority vote to close the meeting. Cllr Fellows requested that his vote against this proposal be recorded.

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.

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